

him. Anderson also stated he received a news article from Dacey either at the beginning or at the end of the meeting. He said he thought Dacey was trying to suggest that unscrupulous people get involved in gaming and he dismissed it.³⁶⁴ His comment about “threading the needle” meant they would decide this application on the facts presented. Hartman has no specific recollection of the meeting other than that he met with Oneida tribal representatives who opposed the Hudson application.

6. Four Feathers Representatives Meet with IGMS Staff on May 31, 1995

After May 17, Jim Moody called Duffy several times seeking to arrange a second meeting for the Four Feathers representatives but was able only to obtain a May 31 meeting with Skibine and Hartman. Moody brought Eckstein and Havenick with him; it is unclear if Goff was present. Moody could not recall any details of this meeting, but Havenick said the IGMS staffers did not raise any significant problems or issues about the application at this meeting. Eckstein testified to a vague recollection that the local opposition was discussed, but maintained that no major problems were flagged. Eckstein also said that either Skibine or Hartman indicated that the decision would ultimately be made by the higher-ups, using words to the effect of “the political people” or “the political appointees,” which Eckstein took to mean Babbitt or Duffy.³⁶⁵ Skibine and Hartman told investigators they are not able to accurately parse out what was discussed at the May 31 meeting as opposed to the one on May 17. Skibine testified, however, that on other

³⁶⁴Other DOI witnesses, including Skibine and Duffy, told investigators that they had not heard any allegations pertaining to Delaware North related to the Hudson application, and were aware of no purported connection between that company and the proposed casino.

³⁶⁵Grand Jury Testimony of Paul Eckstein, March 26, 1999, at 78 (hereinafter “Eckstein G.J. Test.”).